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Harold Noble Dies; Foresaw Korean War

HONOLULU, Dec. 23 (AP).—Harold J. Noble, fifty, a consultant for the Committee for Free Asia, was found dead in his berth today on a Pan American World Airways plane two hours before the plane reached Honolulu. The plane was enroute from Tokyo to San Francisco.

Friends in California said he had been under treatment the last few months for a heart condition.

Mr. Noble lived at Fairfax, Calif. Born in Korea of American parents, he was first secretary at the American Embassy in Seoul when the Korean War broke out. He was a Marine Corps major in World War II.

In an article in "The Saturday Evening Post," to which he frequently contributed, Mr. Noble predicted in 1946 the outbreak of war in Korea. He was so certain of it that he sent his own family to the United States before the shooting started.

Mr. Noble taught at the University of California from 1929 to 1931, then joined the staff of University of Oregon as assistant professor of history. He was the author of "What It Takes to Rule Japan," published in 1946.